

Delaware Health Care Commission
Thursday, May 7, 2015 9:00 a.m.
Delaware Tech Terry Campus Corporate Training Center
Rooms 400A & B
100 Campus Drive, Dover

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present: Bettina Riveros, Chairperson; Theodore W. Becker, Jr.; Thomas J. Cook, Secretary of Finance; Susan A. Cycyk, M.Ed, Director of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families; A. Richard Heffron; Rita Landgraf, Secretary, Delaware Health and Social Services; and Janice L. Lee, MD.

Commission Members Absent: Kathleen Matt, PhD; Janice E. Nevin; Dennis Rochford; and Karen Weldin Stewart.

Staff Attending: Helen Arthur, Director of Planning and Policy; and Marlyn Marvel, Community Relations Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bettina Riveros, Commission Chair.

APRIL 2, 2015 MINUTES

Thomas Cook made a motion that the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes be approved. Richard Heffron seconded the motion. There was a voice vote. Motion carried.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT/HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE UPDATE

Rita Landgraf presented an update on Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace and Essential Health Benefits Benchmark for Plan Year 2017. A copy of the presentation is posted on the Delaware Health Care Commission's website at <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/presentations.html>.

Secretary Landgraf stated that on Wednesday she had the honor of presenting to two different groups with representation from across Delaware's neighboring states. One included insurance and financial advisors and one was comprised of health care administrators. They focused on the experience of session two of open enrollment within the marketplace. It was great to learn that people view the marketplace as a seamless approach for individuals to obtain health insurance. Within the system there are still some things that still need to be worked out, but it is becoming much more of a positive experience.

Delaware is awaiting updated enrollment numbers from the Federal government that will include enrollments from the tax-related Special Enrollment Period that ended April 30, 2015. Delaware will also be looking at enrollments in both Medicaid and the Marketplace for demographic and other trends once this information is available. During April 1 through April 30, 2015, 9,317 Delawareans with incomes between 100 and 138 percent of the federal poverty level were eligible for Medicaid coverage.

The Qualified Health Plan (QHP) review for plan year 2016 is underway. The Department of Insurance and Plan Management Team have begun reviewing issuer QHP applications for compliance with federal and state regulations and standards. The first submission of information

to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will occur on or before the May 15 deadline set by CMS.

The Department of Insurance approves/disapproves all health insurance rates following a comprehensive review of all issuer filings, including requests for rate increases. Fulfilling a new requirement from CMS, at the end of May, the Department of Insurance will provide a link to the CMS website where premium rates will be posted. These will be the initial requests from issuers and not the approved rates.

The Department of Insurance plans to conduct a formal public comment period between mid-June and mid-July. Additional information will be provided at the June Health Care Commission meeting, including web links where rates may be viewed, as well as the process and email address for submitting public comment.

From April 6 through April 24, 2015, the Health Care Commission conducted a public comment period on the selection of the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) benchmark plan that will be used for the 2017 plan year.

Following a review of the public comments, the recommendation is that the Health Care Commission vote to approve the Highmark Shared Cost EPO plan as the EHB Benchmark plan for 2017. This plan has the largest enrollment of Delaware's three largest Small Group plans by enrollment in 2014.

Action

Dr. Janice Lee made a motion that the Health Care Commission approve the Highmark Shared Cost EPO plan as the EHB Benchmark plan for 2017. Ted Becker seconded the motion. There was a voice vote. Motion carried.

Key Dates

- November 1, 2015 is the beginning of open enrollment for plan year 2016.
- January 31, 2016 is the end of open enrollment for plan year 2016.
- Medicaid enrollment is open all year.
- Small businesses can enroll in SHOP at any time.
- Only those with qualifying life events, such as birth/adoption of a child, loss of minimum essential coverage, aging out of parents' insurance at age 26, etc., may enroll in the Marketplace outside of open enrollment.

CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID INNOVATION (CMMI) – STATE INNOVATION MODELS (SIM) PROJECT

Ms. Riveros gave an update on the CMMI State Innovation Models Project (SIM). A copy of the presentation is posted on the Delaware Health Care Commission's website at <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/presentations.html>.

Ms. Riveros stated that this initiative is a component of the broader strategic approach to provide access to affordable health care to all Delawareans and provide better health, better care and sustainable costs moving forward.

All of the Delaware Center for Health Innovation (DCHI) Board and Committee meetings are publicly posted and everyone is welcome to attend.

A SIM conference was held in Baltimore for cross-state discussion and learning during the week of April 20, 2015. A Delaware representative spoke about incorporation of population health programming into the SIM initiative.

With regard to the DCHI Executive Director recruitment, applications are currently being received and reviewed. The process is moving forward and interested candidates are encouraged to apply soon. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to edrecruitment@dehealthinnovation.org.

With respect to Scorecard testing, 21 primary care practices have enrolled, representing 123 providers. There is strong representation from across the state including large and small practices.

The next DCHI Board meeting is scheduled on May 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 113 at the University of Delaware STAR Campus in Newark.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Janice Lee announced that May 1, 2015 represented the Delaware Health Information Network's (DHIN) eight year anniversary as an operational statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE).

Brian Olson, of La Red Health Center, stated that on May 5, 2015 they learned that La Red Health Center has been awarded a New Access Point Grant award from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). As a result, they will be opening another site in Milford. They are hoping to coordinate opening the new site with National Health Center week during the second week of August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was an opportunity for public comment and there was none.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Delaware Health Care Commission is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the DelTech Terry Campus Corporate Training Center, Rooms 400 A & B, 100 Campus Drive, Dover.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

GUESTS

Janet Bailey	Hewlett Packard
Carol Bancroft	Delaware Technical and Community College
Judy Chaconas	Division of Public Health
Aneeqa Chowdhury	MACHC
Mike Cordrey	ab&c
Rysheema Dixon	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
Alex Eldreth	Autism Delaware
Kemal Erkan	United Medical
Jill Fredel	Department of Health and Social Services
Jerry Grant	Department of Insurance
Jim Grant	Department of Health & Social Services
Sheila Grant	AARP
Joann Hasse	League of Women Voters
Siobhan Hawthorne	Christiana Care Health System
Laura Howard	PCG
Rebecca Kidner	
Lolita Lopez	Westside Family Healthcare
Cheyenne Luzader	Beebe Healthcare
David Mangler	Division of Professional Regulation
Raul Mangubat	Mercy Care ObGyn
Sarah Marshall	DSCYF/DPBHS
George Meldrum	A.I. DuPont Hospital
Richard Melke	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
Nick Moriello	Health Insurance Associates
Randy Munson	United Medical
Catherine Murphy	Beebe Medical Center
Maggie Norris	Westside Family Healthcare
Carol O'Brien	Department of Labor
Brian Olson	La Red
Patt Panzer	PP Associates, LLC
Alex Parkowski	ab&c
Cimone Philpotts	U.S. Senator Coons
Rebecca Reichardt	Office of Management and Budget
Joseph Richichi	DMGMA/Home
Jen Rigby	Division of Public Health
Paula Roy	Roy Associates
Shay Scott	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
Adriana Simoes	Delaware Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics
Patricia Slygh	Parkinson's Education & Support Group of Sussex County
Wayne Smith	Delaware Healthcare Association
Karen Stoner	HMD
Duane Taylor	MACHC
Mark Thompson	Medical Society of Delaware
Jose Tieso	HPES DMMA
Emily Vera	Mental Health Association
Bhavana Viswanathan	UD/CDS
James Welch	Department of Correction
Meg Williams	Beebe
John Andrew Young	MACHC

